

Name: William Brewster ("WITNESS")

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Affiliation: Former Employee/Peck Iron and Metal Company

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Type of Interview: In-Person

Date of Interview: March 17, 2009

On March 17, 2009 the WITNESS was interviewed at his place of employment by (b) (4) (b) (4) Senior Investigator, of (b) (4) (b) (4). The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the Potentially Responsible Party search currently being conducted under Task 0001, Site 24 the Peck Iron and Metal Site, Portsmouth, VA (the "Site.") The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked, and that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS stated that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney present. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was asked to explain any association he had with Peck Iron and Metal (PIM) Site located in Portsmouth, VA.

The WITNESS stated that he was employed by PIM from 1975 to January 1998. The WITNESS stated that Julius Peck had owned the PIM facility in Portsmouth since 1945. The WITNESS stated that in 1975 Julius Peck sold the PIM scrap yard to the following British scrap Company.

- Bird International.

The WITNESS stated that Bird International (Bird) operated the PIM scrap yard until 1979. The WITNESS stated that in 1979 Bird sold the PIM scrap yard back to Julius Peck.

When asked if he worked for Bird during the time period Bird operated the PIM scrap yard, the WITNESS stated no. The WITNESS further explained that from 1975 to 1979 the WITNESS worked for the Peck Equipment Company. The WITNESS stated that the Peck Equipment Company was located adjacent to the PIM scrap yard at the address of 3850 Elm Street. The WITNESS stated that the Peck Equipment Company occupied three large warehouses previously owned by Proctor and Gamble Company.

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When asked if the Peck Equipment Company rented the warehouses from Proctor and Gamble the WITNESS stated that Julius Peck may have rented the warehouses initially; however, the WITNESS stated that Julius Peck eventually purchased this property.

The WITNESS explained that Peck Equipment purchased surplus ship equipment such as turbines, engines and ship parts. The WITNESS stated that the U. S. Navy published monthly catalogs listing equipment needed. The WITNESS stated that Peck Equipment would sell the surplus equipment to the Navy.

The WITNESS explained that when Peck sold the PIM scrap yard to Bird, Peck was precluded by the contract with Bird from getting into the scrap business within a fifty mile radius of PIM. The WITNESS stated that Julius Peck started the Richmond scrap yard as a result.

The WITNESS explained that he was the controller/bookkeeper for PIM during the entire time he was employed by PIM. The WITNESS stated that he paid accounts billable and prepared bills for payment. The WITNESS stated that he was assisted by (b) (6)

The WITNESS was asked the names of the Companies who sold PIM scrap metal and disposed of the scrap at PIM the WITNESS provided the following.

- U.S. Government: The WITNESS stated that PIM's biggest customer was the Government, and more specifically the Navy. The WITNESS stated that PIM purchased scrap through auctions held at the St. Julian's Annex. The WITNESS stated that Scrap from military basis throughout the east coast was shipped to the St. Julian's Annex. The WITNESS stated that PIM also bid on bulk scrap through the Department of Defense Material Command. The WITNESS stated that the scrap consisted of iron, non-ferrous metals and steel.
- Oceana Naval Air Station: The WITNESS stated that PIM made "spot" purchases from Oceana. The scrap included pipes and steel.
- Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company ("NNSC"): The WITNESS stated that NNSC was a large account and that PIM purchased heavy steel, plates from ships steel beams.
- AT&T Company: The WITNESS stated PIM purchased wire and cooper from AT&T.
- Verizon: The WITNESS stated that PIM purchased wire and cooper from Verizon.
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Beltline: The WITNESS stated that PIM purchased rail, spikes, bolts and switches from this Company.
- Proctor and Gamble: The WITNESS explained that prior to 1975 the P&G factory located adjacent to PIM was a soap factory. The WITNESS stated that in

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approximately 1975 the P&G plant was converted to a peanut producing factory. The WITNESS stated that P&G sold steel bins and old motors to PIM.

- Colonas Ship Yard: The WITNESS stated that PIM purchased aluminum, iron and light steel from Colonas.
- Virginia Power and Electric Company ("VEPCO"): The WITNESS stated that VEPCO was a steady customer at PIM, however he could not recall the types of waste.
- Anheuser Busch: The WITNESS stated that Anheuser Busch was a customer of PIM and the Peck facility in Richmond. The WITNESS could not recall the types of waste purchased from this Company.
- CSX Transportation, Inc.: The WITNESS stated that PIM purchased scrap from CSX on a regular basis however he was unable to recall the type of scrap.
- Gwaltney: The WITNESS stated that PIM purchased scrap from Gwaltney on a regular basis. The WITNESS described the waste as duck work, conveyer systems and condensers. When asked if the condensers contained Freon, the WITNESS stated that he does not know.
- Norfolk Shipbuilding & Dry Dock: The WITNESS stated that this Company was a regular customer at PIM. The WITNESS was unable to recall the types of scrap.
- Plasser American: The WITNESS stated that Plasser was a semi-regular customer at PIM. The WITNESS described the scrap as steel frames and beams.
- Sumitomo Machinery Corporation of America ("SMCA"): The WITNESS stated that SMCA was a regular customer at PIM. The WITNESS could not recall the types of Scrap.
- Woodington Electric: The WITNESS stated that Woodington was a regular customer and that PIM purchased wire from Woodington.

The WITNESS stated that PIM purchased scrap from many other companies however he was unable to recall any further names.

When asked if he was aware of the location of any records, the WITNESS stated yes and provided the following.

- The WITNESS stated that when he left employment with PIM in 1998, all of the records relating to PIM were located in the building at 3500 Elm Street. The WITNESS stated that these records included all books and ledgers covering the prior twenty years.

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When asked the name of the insurance company that carried PIM insurance, the WITNESS stated that PIM contracted with [REDACTED] to handle all insurance matters.

The WITNESS was asked to explain the association of the following companies to the Peck family. The WITNESS provided the following.

- Peck Iron and Metal Company: The WITNESS stated that Peck Iron and Metal was used as a holding company as well as the name of the PIM location in Portsmouth.
- Peck-Portsmouth Recycling: The WITNESS stated that he was unfamiliar with this name.
- ELM Leasing Company: The WITNESS stated that ELM leasing company was the Peck Company that leased the warehouse next to 3500 Elm Street. The WITNESS stated that Peck leased this warehouse to numerous businesses for storage of equipment.
- JSP Land Company, Inc.: The WITNESS stated that JSP was organized so that Julius Peck could rent a portion of the property under JSP Land Company to PIM and receive the rent for his property.

When asked the names of other PIM employees, the WITNESS provided the following.

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Scale operator
Yard supervisor.
Assistant bookkeeper.

The WITNESS stated that PIM employed more than fifty laborers and truck drivers. The WITNESS indicated that these employees were usually from the local area.

The WITNESS stated that the area known as Carddock was a local neighborhood. (b)

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The WITNESS was asked if he had any knowledge of the following companies waste or scrap being sold to PIM or disposed at the PIM facility in Portsmouth, VA. The WITNESS stated that he cannot recall the types of scrap that was purchased by PIM. The WITNESS provided the following information.

ABB National Industries, Hampton, VA: Could not recall.

Alcoa (Reynolds): Could not recall

American Gem Corporation, Chesapeake, VA: Could not recall.

Anheuser-Busch, Inc., Williamsburg, VA: See comments above.

Argent Marine, Solomons, MD: Could not recall.

Associated Naval Architects, Inc., Portsmouth, VA: Could not recall.

CSX Transportation Co., Charlotte, NC: See comments above.

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Electric Motor and Contracting Co., Chesapeake, VA: Could not recall
Ford Motor Company, Norfolk, VA: Could not recall.
General Electric Company, Richmond, VA: Could not recall.
General Foam Plastics Corp., Norfolk, VA: Could not recall
General Motors Corporation: Could not recall.
Gwaltney Company, Portsmouth, VA: See comments above.
Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Newport News, VA: See comments above.
Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock, Co., Norfolk, VA: See comments above.
Overhead Door Company, Virginia Beach, VA: Could not recall.
Phillip Morris, Inc., Richmond, VA: Could not recall.
Plasser America, Chesapeake, VA: See comments above.
Potomac Electric Power Co., Washington, D.C.: Could not recall.
Power Mechanical, Inc., Hampton, VA: Could not recall.
Southeastern Public Service Authority ("SPSA"), Chesapeake, VA: Could not recall
Sumitomo Machinery Corp., Chesapeake, VA ("SMC"): See comments above.
U. S. Navy, Norfolk, VA: See comments above.
AMF Bowling: Richmond, VA: Could not recall.
Alcatel-Lucent, Murry Hill, NJ: Could not recall.
Brenco, Petersburg, VA: Could not recall.
Carolina Steel Corporation, Greensboro, NC: Could not recall.
Chesapeake, Corporation, Richmond, VA: Could not recall.
Dean Foods, Dallas Texas: Could not recall.
E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, DE: Could not recall.
Federal-Mogul Corporation, Southfield, MI: Could not recall.
GATX Corporation, Chicago, IL: Could not recall.
The Hon Company, Muscatines, IA: See comments above.
IGM USA Inc., Charlotte, NC: Could not recall.
Kraft Foods, Northfield, IL: Could not recall.
Norfolk Southern Corporation, Norfolk, VA: Could not recall.
Pizzagalli Construction Company, Garner, NC: Could not recall.
Schlumberger Industries, Houston, TX: Could not recall.
Seaboard Marine, Miami, FL: Could not recall.
Stanley Hardware, New Britain, CT: Could not recall.
Super Radiator Coils, Richmond, VA: Could not recall.
Waste Management (Chambers Waste Systems of Virginia): Could not recall.
Windor Supply & Mfg., Inc., Tulsa, OK: Could not recall.
AT&T Micro-Electronics: Could not recall
Ball Metal Container, Williamsburg VA: Could not recall
Capitol City Iron Works: Could not recall
Cleveland Wrecking: Could not recall
Continental Can, Hopewell, VA: Could not recall
Davis Boat Works: Could not recall
General Electric, Portsmouth, VA: Could not recall
Gray Metal: Could not recall
Hoechst Celanese, Portsmouth, VA: Could not recall.

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Keller Industries: Could not recall
L.A. Gentry: Could not recall
Moon Engineering: Could not recall
Nassau Metals: Could not recall
NAITO America: Could not recall
Proctor and Gamble Company: See comments above
St. Laurent Paperboard Co. (Smurfit-Stone Container): Could not recall
Tyson Foods: Could not recall
Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO): See comments above.
Weidmuller (Mann Industries): Could not recall
Woodington Electric, Virginia Beach/Norfolk, VA: See comments above.

The WITNESS stated that he cannot recall the types of scrap associated with each of the above PIM customers.

When asked where the records were kept, the WITNESS stated that the reconciliation sheets were kept in a separate file from the weigh tickets. The WITNESS stated that while he was employed at PIM, his files were filed in a filing cabinet in his office.

When asked the names of other employees at PIM, the WITNESS provided the following.

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"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(Name)

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